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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
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Serial No. 10/090,077 : Group Art Unit - 3652  
Filed: March 1, 2002 : Examiner - Dean J. Kramer  
For: VACUUM APPARATUS AND :  
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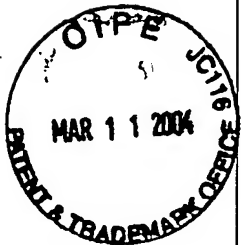
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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on March 9, 2004. This is an extension request for replying to the September 9, 2003 Office Action within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the September 9, 2003 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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